

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 18, 2007, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

ALLOCATIONS OF SPENDING AUTHORITY TO HOUSE COMMITTEES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. SPRATT) is recognized for 5 minutes.  
Mr. SPRATT. Mr. Speaker, section 511 clause (a)(4)(B)(i) of H. Res. 6 provides that I submit the 302(a) allocations contemplated by

House Concurrent Resolution 376 of the One Hundred Ninth Congress, as adopted by the House. In addition, section 511 clause (a)(4)(B)(ii) of H. Res. 6 provides that I submit accounts identified for advance appropriations pursuant to section 401(b) of House Concurrent Resolution 376 of the One Hundred Ninth Congress, as adopted by the House.  
The attached tables, which I submit, provide that information.

DIRECT SPENDING LEGISLATION—AUTHORIZING COMMITTEE 302(a) ALLOCATIONS FOR DISCRETIONARY ACTION  
(Fiscal years, in millions of dollars)

House committee	2007		2007–2011 total	
	BA	Outlays	BA	Outlays
Agriculture .....				
Armed Services .....	45	45	45	45
Education and Labor .....		1		30
Energy and Commerce .....				
Financial Services .....			2	2
Foreign Affairs .....	1	1	5	5
Homeland Security .....				
House Administration .....				
Judiciary .....				
Natural Resources .....	19	16	116	113
Oversight and Government Reform .....			6	6
Science and Technology .....				
Small Business .....				
Transportation and Infrastructure .....	13	13	22	22
Veterans' Affairs .....				
Ways and Means .....				

DISCRETIONARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007—APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE 302(a) ALLOCATION  
(In millions of dollars)

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Section 302(a) Allocation .....	872,778	963,711

FY2008 ADVANCE APPROPRIATIONS—UNDER SECTION 401 OF H. CON. RES. 376  
(In millions of dollars)

	Budget authority
Appropriate Level .....	23,565
Accounts Identified for Advances:	
Elk Hills .....	
Corporation for Public Broadcasting .....	
Employment and Training Administration .....	
Education for the Disadvantaged .....	
School Improvement .....	
Children and Family Services (Head Start) .....	
Special Education .....	
Vocational and Adult Education .....	
Transportation (highways, transit, Farley Building) .....	
Payment to Postal Service .....	
Section 8 Renewals .....	

IMPRISONMENT OF TWO U.S. BORDER PATROL AGENTS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. JONES) is recognized for 5 minutes.  
Mr. JONES of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, 3 weeks ago two U.S. Border Patrol agents entered Federal prison. Agents Ramos and Compeon never should have been sent to Federal prison. These agents were convicted last spring for shooting a Mexican drug smuggler who brought 743 pounds of marijuana across our southern border into Texas.  
Members of Congress have, and let me say, not only Members of Congress, but many American citizens, have repeatedly petitioned President Bush to pardon these agents. At the House Democratic Caucus last week, the President said: "We want our Border Patrol agents guarding the borders from criminals and drug dealers and terrorists."

Mr. President, we are calling on you today, as you said you would weeks ago, to take a sober look at this case. Many Members of Congress have warned that if these two Border Patrol agents entered prison their safety would be threatened by those who hate law enforcement officers. Tragically, this happened last Saturday night when Agent Ramos was beaten while being in prison.  
Mr. President, you have the authority to correct an injustice. Please, Mr. President, expedite your consideration of a pardon for these two men and help their families realize that America is a country that believes in justice.  
Mr. Speaker, before closing, I want to repeat that: Mr. President, you have the authority to correct an injustice. Please expedite your consideration of a pardon for these two men and help their families realize that America is a country that believes in justice.

THE PRESIDENT'S BUDGET

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. EMANUEL) is recognized for 5 minutes.  
Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, yesterday the President submitted his budget to the United States Congress and to the country. And in that budget, the President made clear a number of priorities that I think are in direct opposition to the wishes and aspirations of the American people.  
Most egregious, in my view, is that the President leaves in place a tax increase on the middle-class families of this country. Today, about three million Americans are affected by the al-

ternative minimum tax, meant to tax only the superwealthy. This year alone, it will reach 23 million middle-class families across the country. And the only way the President accomplishes any of his goals is to leave in place a tax that was never intended by the Congress or the President to affect middle-class families.  
The Democrats make a pledge to, in fact, deal with the alternative minimum tax this year so middle-class families do not have a tax increase either this year, next year or the following year. It has been consistently.  
But this is only one of the egregious misplaced priorities in the President's budget. The other highlights, in addition to increasing taxes on the middle class, it cuts health care for seniors \$100 billion over 5 years, \$300 billion over 10 years.  
While we are dealing with the temperatures outside that are near freezing in my home area of Chicago, below zero, it cuts home energy assistance to our seniors by 18 percent.  
It eliminates the COPS program for community policing, which has supported 120,000 police officers throughout the country.  
It goes forward in the President's desire to privatize Social Security.  
It cuts health care benefits for our returning veterans, forcing them to pay up to \$750 a year to enter the health care for veterans, one of the best health care systems in the country. And I don't think that is a welcome-home mat that our veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan deserve.  
It also has cuts to education. It underfunds Leave No Child Behind by \$15 billion.